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## **ATTORNEY GENERAL ISSUES CEASE AND DESIST ORDER AGAINST ABLAZE TECHNOLOGIES AND SUN BREEZE ENERGY**

BISMARCK – Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem has issued a Cease and Desist Order against Ablaze Technologies, LLC and Sun Breeze Energy, LLC, and their owner, Larry Suchy, Bismarck. The two companies sell broadband wireless systems and solar and wind power systems.

The Attorney General's office received several complaints alleging Ablaze and Sun Breeze accepted prepayment for goods and services but failed to perform. In one instance Ablaze was paid nearly \$51,000 for wireless equipment and installation. According to the consumer, Ablaze did not deliver any of the promised equipment and instead used his payment on another project for a different customer. In another case Ablaze accepted prepayment of almost \$10,000 for wireless networking equipment, but abandoned the project before completing most of the work. Sun Breeze accepted prepayment of \$8,500 for a wind turbine power system but never ordered the equipment; the consumer was able to obtain a refund.

"It does not appear Suchy, Ablaze Technologies, and Sun Breeze Energy have the ability to live up to their promises," said Stenehjem. "My office first tries to work with businesses to resolve these kinds of complaints; but, if a business doesn't cooperate or continues to accept money for work it doesn't intend to perform, we will take action to protect consumers from further losses."

Suchy told the Attorney General's investigators that his companies have another \$30,000 to \$40,000 worth of outstanding contracts, but denies any problems with those contracts. He has repeatedly refused to provide the Attorney General with information regarding the contracts or his business operations. Suchy also has refused to comply with subpoenas issued to investigate his business practices.

The Cease and Desist Order prevents Suchy, Ablaze and Sun Breeze from doing further business. It does not prohibit Suchy or the companies from completing work or contracts for which they have already been paid. They also are not prohibited from issuing refunds.

Consumers who have had problems with Ablaze Technologies or Sun Breeze Energy should contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division toll-free at 1-800-472-2600 or 701-328-3404.